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December 20, 2006

Mary Maloney, Treasurer, Polk County 111 Court Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Treasurer Maloney:

During the discussion with the County Treasurers at the December 13, 2006, Government Oversight Committee meeting, there were several requests for additional information made by Committee Members. These requests pertain primarily to information that appears available only from your office or the Polk County Board of Supervisors, and that impacts the other County Treasurers. This letter is to formalize the Committee's request for additional information related to your presentation at the meeting.

The information requested includes the following items:

- Copies of the audit reports conducted by external auditors relating to web site tax receipts and interest earned.
- Documentation of Polk County's costs associated with maintaining the web site for all lowa counties.
- Copies of bank account statements for the fund or funds that the tax receipts were deposited into and reflect the interest income earned. (Include statements for all Polk County accounts that benefited from these receipts and interest earned).
- Minutes or other documents that reflect discussions between your office, the Polk County Attorney's Office, and the Polk County Board of Supervisors regarding these funds and the decisions regarding the distribution of the interest earned.

As indicated during the meeting, the Committee plans to continue its review of the issues identified during the 2007 Legislative Session. Please provide the requested information by January 8, 2007, so the Committee may schedule its next meeting on this issue as soon as possible after the 2007 Session begins. Send this information to Sam Leto, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Services Agency, State Capitol Building.

Sincerely,

Chairperson Senator Wieck

Chairperson Senator Courtney

Chairperson Rep. Alons

## MARY MALONEY TREASURER OF POLK COUNTY



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January 24, 2007

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**Dear Oversight Committee Members:** 

Based on information presented at the December Oversight Committee meeting you have requested additional information from Polk County. The information you requested is in four areas:

- 1) Copies of the audit reports conducted by external auditors relating to web site tax receipts and interest earned.
- 2) Documentation of Polk County's costs associated with maintaining the web site for all lowa counties.
- 3) Copies of bank account statements for the fund or funds that the tax receipts were deposited into and reflect the interest income earned.
- 4) Minutes or other documents that reflect discussions between my office, the Polk County Attorney's Office, and the Polk County Board of Supervisors regarding these funds and the decisions regarding the distribution of the interest earned.

Regarding item (1) above, I have provided the comprehensive annual financial reports for fiscal years ending June 30, 2003, June 30, 2004, June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

Regarding item (2) above, I have provided three documents as follows:

- Document (2a) Treasury Management Costs Not charged
- Document (2b) Management Costs for Project Administration Not charged
- Document (2c) Treasury Management Costs Charged

Documents (2a) and (2b) are provided per your request for Polk County's costs associated with maintaining the web site and reflect Polk County's costs that were <u>not</u> charged to County Treasurers.

Learn more about the Polk County Treasurer's office:

Pay Property Tax / Forms: Pay Vehicle Registration Renewal (Tag) / Forms: General Polk County Information / Forms: www.lowaTaxAndTags.com www.lowaTaxAndTags.com www.PolkCountylowa.gov/Treasurer Document (2c) includes only those treasury management costs that were used for the interest distribution to the counties. Document (2c) includes worksheets relating to the distribution methodology. Polk County provided treasury management services to ISCTA in July, August and September 2006 that were not charged. In addition, there were no interest earnings during these months.

Regarding item (3) above, I have provided the Polk County Treasurer's Internet Clearing Account (PCTICA) bank statements from project inception through September 30, 2006; Banc of America Securities Client Statements from March 2004 through June 30, 2006 and; Polk County Treasurer General Account bank statements from April 2004 through June 2006. These statements verify the total amount of interest earned. As requested by the ISCTA we did not earn interest after June 30, 2006. I have also included a summary document of PCTICA interest earnings.

Regarding item (4) above, I have provided the proceedings of the Polk County Board of Supervisors meeting held on July 11, 2006 and the resolution approved at this meeting regarding the distribution of interest income.

Although not requested, I have also provided the monthly PCTICA audit statements from project inception through September 12, 2006 when the transition to the ICETEA clearing account was complete. Effective September 12, 2006 no ISCTA web collections were deposited into the PCTICA. These audit reports were provided each month to the ISCTA general membership.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this information. In closing, I am happy to report that the two groups, ISCTA and Iowa Tax And Tags (ITAT) have agreed that links between the two web sites will provide the required level of customer service. These links have now been implemented by both groups. Both groups have agreed to put this issue behind us and move forward in our mutual endeavor to provide the highest levels of customer service.

Respectfully,

Mary Maloney
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**Polk County Treasurer**